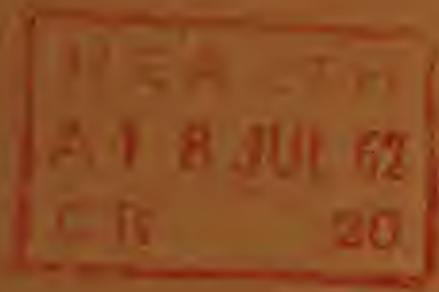


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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1961

BY

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WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,
15 Mill Road,
Worthing.

May, 1962.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1961.

General and Vital Statistics.

Although the deaths during the year were approaching double the number of births, the estimated population rose by 2,640. The latter partly explains the considerable increase in deaths which occurred. The increase was mainly in the over-75 age group and some form of circulatory condition was responsible in the majority of cases, but there were ten more deaths from cancer of the lung, and eleven more from bronchitis than in 1960. It is now generally realised that smoking is a factor in the causation of cancer of the lung in many who die from this disease. It is also known that smoking aggravates bronchitis probably just as much as air pollution. Both are avoidable hazards. The latter is more dependent on community action and whenever possible householders should be encouraged to burn smokeless fuels in properly constructed grates.

Housing.

The improvement of Council owned property continued. Whilst this is very satisfactory and necessary, it is not good to notice that the waiting list increased by 20%, the number of applications increased, but the number of families rehoused during 1961 decreased considerably.

The Council has been very successful in persuading owners to make fit properties which had become sub-standard. Some of them have considerable character when improved and made habitable.

Food Hygiene.

There was a considerable increase in the number of inspections at food premises, and, as a result, more contraventions were found. In order to maintain a satisfactory standard in food premises generally, it is necessary to have as frequent visiting as is practicable.

The Chief Public Health Inspector has done a valuable service to the community by investigating "Frozen Food Cabinets". Most Quick Frozen Foods should be kept at a very low temperature and if they are allowed to be at a higher temperature for any length of time, the quality suffers although the food is still quite fit for consumption. Manufacturers usually go to a great amount of trouble to ensure that their products arrive at the retailer's at the right temperature, so that it is obviously desirable that this is maintained until the customer purchases the commodity.

Care of the Aged.

The bed situation in the local hospitals for the chronic elderly sick improved partly by the provision of new beds and partly by the activities of the Geriatrician, Dr. Franks. The latter was able to reorganise the waiting list and by being personally responsible was better able to ensure that the most urgent cases were admitted first. There were still many, unable to be admitted, who were able to be nursed at home, but sometimes only by relatives themselves frail and elderly.

Problem Families.

The District does not get more than its share of what are termed "problem families", except inasmuch as the County Council Welfare Department houses many of them at East Preston. The problem is frequently due to mismanagement and often financial. I always feel that some families who are on National Assistance might be saved eviction for non-payment of rent if the rent allowance which was available to them was paid to the landlord direct. Once a debt has been built up the situation becomes desperate.

Infectious Diseases.

In May Rubella became a notifiable disease in the District. It is only notifiable in very few districts in the whole country. There is good evidence that it is inadvisable for expectant mothers in the first three months of pregnancy to have Rubella. If it is known that any such women have been exposed, then they are given an inoculation to try and give them temporary protection. Two such cases were known to be protected during the year.

Conclusion.

I wish to express my thanks to all the Officers of the Council who have provided me with information for inclusion in this Report.

The Health Department has again worked well as a team under the excellent day-to-day administration of Mr. Oates.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
FRANK COCKCROFT,
Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Worthing Rural District Council.

SECTION A

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres), 29,809.

Resident Population (1961) estimated by Registrar General 37,970.

No. of inhabited houses end of 1961, according to Rate Books, 14,618.

Rateable value (1961), £733,572.

Sum represented by a 1d. rate, £2,912.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Live Births:	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	416	199	217
Illegitimate	21	12	9
Stillbirths	5	3	2
Deaths	766	361	405
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population ...			11.5
Corrected Birth Rate			12.1
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births ...			11.3
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population ...			20.2
Corrected Death Rate			15.7
Infant deaths, 10			
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total 22.9			
„ „ „ „ „ „ —legitimate 21.6			
„ „ „ „ „ „ —illegitimate 47.6			
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births—16.01			
(first four weeks).			
Early Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births—13.7			
(under one week).			
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week per			
1,000 live and stillbirths), 24.9			
Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births—4.8 per cent.			
Maternal deaths (including abortion), nil.			
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths, nil.			
Deaths from cancer (all ages), 125.			

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, 1961

	England and Wales	West Sussex Urban	West Sussex Rural	Worthing R.D.
Birth Rate	17.4	14.9	13.8	11.5
Death Rate	12.0	14.9	14.0	20.2
Infantile Death Rate ...	21.4	18.6	16.9	22.9
Pulmonary Tuberculosis				
Death Rate	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.05
Cancer Death Rate ...	2.2	2.6	2.5	3.3
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 births ...	0.33	0.0	0.4	0.0

Comparative Statistics, 1933–1961

		Population	No. of inhabited houses	Average number of persons per house
1933	...	16,306	5,477	2.99
1938	...	23,640	8,822	2.68
1945	...	24,260	8,996	2.46
1950	...	29,600	10,010	2.95
1955	...	31,230	11,455	2.72
1956	...	31,690	11,969	2.65
1957	...	32,370	11,910	2.72
1958	...	33,470	12,411	2.69
1959	...	34,770	13,030	2.67
1960	...	35,330	13,657	2.59
1961	...	37,970	14,618	2.59

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1961

Deaths Registered during the year 1961, classified by age and cause

Causes of Death	All Ages	MALES					FEMALES				
		Under 45	45-64	65-74	75 and upwards	TOTAL	Under 45	45-64	65-74	75 and upwards	TOTAL
1. Tuberculosis respiratory ...	2		1	1		2					
2. Tuberculosis, other ...	—										
3. Syphilitic disease ...	—										
4. Diphtheria ...	—										
5. Whooping cough ...	—										
6. Meningococcal infections ...	—										
7. Acute poliomyelitis ...	—										
8. Measles ...	—										
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	—										
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	12		1	3	3	7			2	3	5
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	27	1	1	10	5	17		3	5	2	10
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	11						1	5		5	11
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	7							2	3	2	7
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	65		6	18	19	43	1	5	9	7	22
15. Leukæmia, Aleukæmia ...	3							1	1	1	3
16. Diabetes ...	5				2	2			2	1	3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	133		3	19	29	51		9	27	46	82
18. Coronary disease, angina ...	123		21	20	31	72		6	16	29	51
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	16		2	1	3	6			5	5	10
20. Other heart disease ...	146		1	16	31	48		4	14	80	98
21. Other circulatory disease ...	41		2	10	11	23			2	16	18
22. Influenza ...	3			1	1	2				1	1
23. Pneumonia ...	40		2	3	10	15	1	3	5	16	25
24. Bronchitis ...	30		3	8	10	21			2	7	9
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ...	7		2	2	2	6	1				1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	7		1		3	4			2	1	3
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	7	1			2	3			1	3	4
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ...	2				1	1				1	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ...	4			1	3	4					
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...											
31. Congenital malformations...	2	1				1	1				1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	48	6	4	5	6	21	2	6	6	13	27
33. Motor vehicle accidents ...	5	1	2		1	4			1		1
34. All other accidents...	13	3			1	4			1	8	9
35. Suicide ...	7			3	1	4		1	2		3
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	—										
TOTAL ...	766	13	52	121	175	361	7	45	106	247	405

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE :

COUNCILLOR W. F. BEWLEY, C.B.E., D.Sc., V.M.H.

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:

FRANK COCKCROFT, M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:

E. T. OATES, F.S.I.A., M.R.S.H., A.I.S.E.

Public Health Inspectors:

B. ROSSITER, C.R.S.H. (inc. Meat and Food Certs.).

A. R. MOORES, C.R.S.H.

K. AUTY, C.R.S.H. (inc. Meat and Food Certs.).

C. HAYWARD, C.R.S.H.

Rodent Operators:

A. HOATH.

F. W. PARSONS.

CLERICAL STAFF

This consists of three Clerks, of whom Miss Harding is the Chief. The Medical Officer of Health also has a part-time Secretary, Miss Woodroffe.

The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for the Littlehampton Urban District, and Assistant County Medical Officer.

Services provided by West Sussex County Council

Nursing.

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses are employed by the County Council to serve in the area. Lists, showing their names and addresses, may be seen at County Libraries, Town Halls, or offices of Local District Councils, and the Health Department, County Hall, Chichester.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.

Child Welfare Clinics were held in the district as follows:

		No. of children attending	Total Attendances
Angmering	Tues. 2.30 p.m. (Village Hall) (1st & 3rd in month)	84	504
East Preston	Thurs. 2.30 p.m. (Conservative Hall) (Weekly)	217	852
Findon	Thurs. 2.30 p.m. (Village Hall) (1st in month)	33	77
Lancing	Weds. 2.30 p.m. (Health Centre) Fridays 2.30 p.m. (Weekly).	608	4,095
Rustington	Weds. 2.30 p.m. (Village Hall) (Weekly)	298	1,108

In addition, centres at Littlehampton and Arundel were available for residents adjoining these urban areas.

Ante-natal and Post-natal Clinics.

Rustington (Village Hall). Weds. 2.30 p.m. (Monthly).—

Discontinued November 1961.

Lancing (Health Centre). Thurs. 2.30 p.m. (Weekly).

Attendances were as follows:

		ANTE-NATAL		POST-NATAL	
		No. of women attending	Total attendances	No. of women attending	Total attendances
Rustington	...	30	46	5	5
Lancing	...	124	622	8	8

Free dental treatment is available for expectant and nursing mothers at the Dental Clinics.

A Family Planning Clinic is provided by the County Council at Shoreham Health Centre, and the Family Planning Association operates one at the Health Centre, Bognor Regis.

School Clinics.

The district is served by the following:

(a) Minor Ailments	}	Littlehampton and Lancing Health Centres.
(b) Eyes		
(c) Dental		
(d) Orthopædic		
(e) Physiotherapy		
(f) Speech Therapy		Lancing and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centres, and Littlehampton Health Centre as required.

Ambulance Service.

Acting as agents for the County Council, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society operate the Ambulance and Hospital Car Service in the County. Calls for an ambulance are made through the doctor or nurse in attendance on the case or through the Police or public in case of accidents or other emergencies.

Health Education.

The County Council are responsible for this service, a great amount of which is done by the Health Visitors, both in the homes and at the Clinics.

Mental Health.

The County Council is responsible for a domiciliary mental welfare service, but institutional and out-patient treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Home Help Service.

This continued to be carried on by the Women's Voluntary Service on behalf of the County Council.

The W.V.S. provide a Meals-on-Wheels service for old people. The western area is covered from Littlehampton and the eastern area from Lancing. At Lancing meals are provided at Chesham House where a total of 14,886 were prepared, of which 8,395 were delivered to old people in their homes and 6,491 were consumed at Chesham House.

Hospital and Specialist Services

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances, subject to appropriate charges.

Mass Radiography Units are stationed at Portsmouth and Brighton.

Chest Clinics.

Chest Clinics are held at Worthing Hospital and Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, which are available to all residents in the Worthing Rural District.

Venereal Diseases.

Residents may attend Clinics at Worthing Hospital, St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, or St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

Nursing Homes

There is one private nursing home in the district registered with the County Council.

General Medical and Dental Services

Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex, 175, Broyle Road, Chichester.

Laboratory Facilities

The following Laboratories are available for the examination of specimens:

The Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.
 The Worthing Hospital Laboratory.
 The Public Analyst's Laboratory, Lewes.

Mortuary

The Rural District Council provide a Mortuary at Lancing.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

Section 47

It was not necessary to take action under this Section during the year.

Section 50—Burial or Cremation of the Dead

It was found necessary during the year to arrange for the interment of two bodies, one male and one female.

The burial of persons under this Section is by contract with a local undertaker.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. WATER SUPPLY

Thirteen of the Parishes in the District have Public Mains water supply. Two Parishes have Mains water supply by way of statutory undertakers, and two by supplies from private sources.

The following extensions of mains have been made during the year:

(i) *By Worthing Rural District Council in the Parishes of:*

FERRING.

Langbury Lane	320 yards
Herm Road, off Alderney Road	146 „

FINDON.

Findon Farm Estate	956 „
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RUSTINGTON.

Sea Lane	42 „
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(ii) *By Worthing Corporation in the Rural District:*

3" diameter	515 „
4" diameter	944 „

(iii) *By Brighton Corporation in the Parish of:*

LANCING.

3" diameter	...	...	...	...	441 „
4" diameter	...	...	...	...	569 „

The quantity and quality of water for public consumption was satisfactory.

Brighton Corporation supply the Parish of Lancing, the North West Sussex Joint Water Board supply the Parish of Houghton and a small part of the Parish of Findon. The Fitzalan Howard Estates Co., Ltd., supply Burpham and Warningcamp.

Until the 31st March, 1961, the Parishes of Findon, Ferring, Kingston, East Preston, Rustington and Angmering, were supplied through the Rural District Council mains by Worthing Corporation. The Parishes of Poling and part of Lyminster were similarly supplied by Littlehampton Urban District Council. On the 1st April, 1961, the Worthing Corporation Water Undertaking was constituted and became solely responsible for the water supply in all the above Parishes and the Water Undertakings of this District and Littlehampton Urban District ceased to exist.

The following table shows the results of 89 samples of water sent to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination:

	Satisfactory	Not satisfactory
Arundel Estate Supply:		
Swanbourne Lake Well ...	1	0
South Stoke Well ...	1	0
Brighton Corporation ...	6	0
Rustington Sea Estate Supply ...	6	1
Littlehampton U.D.C. Supply ...	2	0
Worthing Corporation ...	8	0
Individual Wells ...	40	7
N.S.W. Joint Water Board (Findon)	2	0
Streamside Coombes (land spring in "Ladywells") ...	8	7

Two samples were submitted for chemical examination from an individual well, one of which proved unsatisfactory. As a result, certain works were carried out and, after completion, the second sample provided a satisfactory result.

At one premises where the supply is obtained from a stream, considerable trouble was experienced before a solution could be found. This was obtained by installing a new filtration plant.

In the cases of the unsatisfactory samples obtained from other individual wells, in five cases public mains water supply and the abolition of the wells concerned, provided the solution.

WATER SUPPLIED:

Parish	(a) Direct to house	Popu- lation	(b) Rain- water	Popu- lation	(c) Wells	Pop.
Angmering	922	2,474	4	10	33	83
Burpham	72	200	0	0	0	0
Clapham	101	301	0	0	1	3
Coombes	17	53	0	0	3	8
East Preston	1,412	3,772	0	0	1	3
Ferring	1,590	3,414	0	0	11	28
Findon	516	1,462	4	10	3	8
Houghton	41	117	4	10	4	10
Kingston.....	167	400	0	0	11	28
Lancing	5,262	13,877	1	3	0	0
Lyminster	87	337	1	3	0	0
Patching	78	258	0	0	0	0
Poling	61	326	0	0	0	0
Rustington	2,258	5,421	0	0	3	8
Sompting	2,232	5,045	0	0	2	5
South Stoke	15	55	3	8	6	15
Warningcamp ...	57	212	0	0	1	3
Total:	14,888	37,724	17	44	79	202

No houses are supplied by stand pipes.

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Western Area

The sewerage system serving the Parishes of East Preston, Angmering, Rustington, Kingston and Ferring, discharges to the sea through storage tanks at Kingston on the ebb tide at a point 500 yards below high water mark and functioned satisfactorily throughout the year. The sewage from this area is passed through the system by means of ejectors and pumping stations, and upon reception at the Works is screened and chlorinated.

Eastern Area

The system at Lancing functioned satisfactorily throughout the year, apart from the fact that due to the increase of population in this Parish during the post war years, it became apparent that the pumping equipment installed at the main pumping station at Old Salts Farm some 25 years ago was incapable of coping with the increase in flow. Therefore, this pumping station was completely remodernised. Two 6" stereo pumps were installed in tandem, giving an overall output of 15,000 gallons per hour.

In the Parish of Sompting, as a result of adverse flooding conditions during the winter of 1960/61, severe damage was caused to the main 12" sewer which serves the northern part of this Parish, brought about by the subsidence of sub-soil in the locality of Osborne Drive. A new 12" iron intercepting sewer was subsequently laid, parallel to the old line some 30 feet to the west, for which a loan sanction of £12,000 was received.

3. PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) House Refuse

Refuse is collected weekly from the seventeen Parishes in the district, and, in addition, litter bins provided along the five and a half miles of beach frontage are emptied twice weekly. There is also a regular collection from a number of privately owned litter baskets in the shopping areas. The Council is at the moment making arrangements to provide additional litter baskets in the shopping areas.

The work is carried out by four rear-loading, one side-loading, and five fore-and-aft tipping vehicles of modern design, together with one van for the collection of waste paper and other salvage.

Refuse continued to be transported from all parts of the District to the Depot at Halewick Lane, Sompting, with the exception of the Parishes of Houghton, South Stoke, Burpham, Warningcamp, Lyminster and Poling. Refuse from the latter Parishes was disposed of by controlled tipping at Poling, except for some which was received by Arundel Borough at their controlled tip.

By the end of the year, the new Refuse Disposal Plant had been brought into test operation and it was hoped that early in the New Year it could be brought into full operation for the disposal of

refuse by utilisation, separation and pulverisation under full mechanical process.

(b) Cesspools

The cesspool emptying service has continued to operate successfully throughout the year.

4. RIVERS AND STREAMS

It has not been found necessary for any action to be taken in respect of pollution of rivers and streams in the area.

5. SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There are three Swimming Pools situated respectively at Mallondene and Ravenscroft Hotels, Broadmark Lane, Rustington, and at the North Lancing County Secondary Modern School. The Pool at Ravenscroft Hotel was out of use for the major part of the year. Samples of the pool water were taken at Mallondene and at the school. In all cases they were satisfactory.

The Pool at Mallondene may be regarded as a public swimming pool since it is at a holiday centre.

The Pools at Mallondene and at the school are both in the open air. The source of water is from the public mains, the method of treatment is by continuous filtration through a pressure filter, and chlorination by continuous process. The water is not changed but added to as necessary.

6. SCHOOLS

No. of County Schools in the District ...	...	...	13
No. with public water supply ...	...	...	13
No. with water closets (separate pedestal) ...	...	...	13

There are several private schools in the District, all of which have modern sanitation and satisfactory water supplies.

With reference to the school requiring improvement in drainage and sanitation, referred to last year, the provision of a Public Sewer has now been approved and work will be put in hand during 1962. On completion, the drainage system will be made to discharge into it.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Houses under Housing Act ...	...	...	...	47
Housing Act re-inspections ...	...	...	...	955
Houses inspected for overcrowding ...	...	...	...	9
Houses under Public Health Acts for defects ...	...	...	...	105
Public Health Act re-inspections ...	...	...	...	431

Premises under Public Health Acts for nuisances	...	505
Animals' premises	... ..	33
Complaints investigated	... ..	235
Water tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	... ..	41
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	... ..	6,154
Number of Camping Sites inspected	... ..	84
Number of Movable Dwellings inspected	... ..	12
Visits to obtain samples of water	... ..	107
Visits for interview with Owner, Agents, etc.	... ..	670
Refuse Tips and Public Cleansing	... ..	1,525
Miscellaneous Visits	... ..	965
Infectious Diseases	... ..	19
Rooms disinfected	... ..	3
Slaughterhouses	... ..	527
Meat Shops, Stalls and Vehicles	... ..	429
Fish Shops	... ..	107
Ice Cream Premises	... ..	40
Restaurants	... ..	63
Clean Air Act	... ..	24
Smoke Tests applied to drains	... ..	10
Pet Animals Act	... ..	12
Hotel Kitchens	... ..	39
Other Food Premises	... ..	588
Agricultural Welfare Act	... ..	2
Noise Abatement	... ..	3
Bakehouses	... ..	35
Factories where Mechanical Power is used	... ..	82
Factories where Mechanical Power is not used	... ..	2
Workplaces and Offices	... ..	11
Knacker's Yard	... ..	1
Outworkers' Premises	... ..	22
Shops Act	... ..	100
Petroleum Acts	... ..	225
Rag Flock Act	... ..	3
Premises disinfested	... ..	2
Total number of inspections made	... ..	<u>14,227</u>

SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED AS A RESULT OF CONDITIONS FOUND AT THE ABOVE INSPECTIONS

(a) Statutory

	Notices served	Notices complied with	Notices outstanding
1. Demolition Orders made under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936	0	2	3
Demolition Orders served under Section 17 (i) of the Housing Act, 1957	2	1	9
2. Under Section 18 of the Hous- ing Act, 1957. Closing Order Under Section 17 (i) of the Housing Act, 1957. Closing Order	0	0	2
Under Section 12 of the Hous- ing Act, 1936. Closing Order in respect of part of a Building	0	0	2
3. Under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Nuisances) Under Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Drains)	0	0	1
Under Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Drains)	1	0	1
4. Under Section 50 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Cesspools) Under Section 30 of the Public Health Act	0	1	0
Under Section 30 of the Public Health Act	1	1	0

(b) Preliminary

	Notices served	Notices complied with	Notices outstanding
1. To execute works under the Housing Acts	55	57	44
2. To abate overcrowding ...	1	2	1
3. To execute works under Public Health Acts	65	56	40
4. To abate nuisances	151	142	91
5. To remedy contraventions of Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	884	903	29
6. To abate contraventions at Food Premises	65	43	41
7. To remedy contraventions at Bakehouses	3	2	1
8. To abate contraventions of Factories Act	1	2	6

9. To abate contraventions of Shops Act	2	1	1
10. To abate contraventions of Petroleum Acts	15	18	3
11. To abate contraventions at Animals' Premises	1	1	2
12. To abate contraventions of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947	0	1	0
13. To abate contraventions at Verminous Premises	10	8	3
14. To abate contraventions of the Water Act, 1945	1	1	1
15. To abate contraventions of the Clean Air Act, 1958	1	2	1
16. To abate contraventions at Camping Sites	1	1	0
17. To abate contraventions at Workshops and Offices	1	0	1
18. To abate contraventions of the Noise Abatement Act	1	1	0
19. To abate contraventions of the Agricultural Welfare Provisions Act	1	1	0

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

Houses demolished	9
Houses redrained to Council's sewer	43
Cesspools abolished	31
Houses redrained defective	16
Houses where drains repaired	11
Intercepting traps provided	12
Ventilation shafts fixed and repaired	31
Inspection chambers constructed	51
Inspection chambers repaired	3
Obstruction removed from drains	24
Additional W.C.'s constructed	27
Defective W.C. pans and traps renewed or repaired	3
W.C.'s provided with flushing cisterns and water supply	6
Flushing cisterns repaired and renewed	2
Houses provided with new cesspools	7
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drains	4
Wash-hand basins renewed	8

Soakaways provided	...	...	...	...	...	12
Earth closets abolished	...	...	...	...	...	16
Wells cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Houses provided with mains water supply	...	...	...	...	...	8
Additional water taps provided	...	...	...	...	...	33
Houses provided with sinks	...	...	...	...	...	19
Defective sinks renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	10
New sink waste pipes provided or old repaired	...	...	...	...	...	27
Rooms stripped, cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	115
Ceilings stripped, cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	109
Windows repaired	...	...	...	...	...	102
Windows provided or enlarged	...	...	...	...	...	35
Fasteners and stays provided to windows	...	...	...	...	...	46
Rooms where wall plaster repaired	...	...	...	...	...	103
External walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	67
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	61
Ceilings provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	44
Stoves and fireplaces repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	26
Chimney stacks repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	37
Rooms where dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	...	84
Accumulations of refuse removed	...	...	...	...	...	16
Paving to yards repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	27
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	30
Rainwater pipes and eaves gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	28
Verminous premises disinfested	...	...	...	...	...	2
Refuse receptacles provided	...	...	...	...	...	60
Food stores provided	...	...	...	...	...	25
Sewage installations provided	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rooms ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	4
Sculleries provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Staircases renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	7
Handrails provided	...	...	...	...	...	13
Electric lighting provided	...	...	...	...	...	17
Bathrooms provided	...	...	...	...	...	31
Fuel Stores provided	...	...	...	...	...	27
Hot water services provided	...	...	...	...	...	38
Cooking facilities provided	...	...	...	...	...	19
Doors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	73
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	13
Total	...	...	...	...	...	<u>1,676</u>

Factories Act, 1937

1. Inspections

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	2	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities ...	115	82	1	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	0	0	0	0
Total	123	84	1	0

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	1	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences ...	2	2	—	—	—
Total ...	2	4	—	—	—

Some of the defects which were remedied were outstanding at the beginning of the year. At the end of the year there were six Notices still outstanding.

There were 9 Outworkers in the district (Wearing Apparel).

Shop Acts, 1950

No. of shops in the district ...	...	...	...	456
No. of inspections of shops ...	...	...	...	100
No. of shops where contraventions found ...	...	...	...	2

Workplaces and Offices

No. of Workplaces ...	...	...	...	...	73
No. of Offices ...	...	...	...	...	45
No. of inspections ...	...	...	...	...	11
No. of contraventions found ...	...	...	...	...	1

Movable Dwellings

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 269.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

The operation of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, throughout the year has been satisfactory. The owners of sites have again shown their complete willingness to co-operate and have endeavoured to provide the additional amenities required by the new Site Licence Conditions.

Eighty-four visits were made to Camping Sites and twelve to individual Movable Dwellings.

There were nine commercial sites in the District with accommodation for 764 caravans. Each of these sites is fully provided with all the amenities normally expected, that is to say, sanitary annexe comprising washbasins, baths, water-borne sanitation, clothes washing facilities and drying areas; metalled roadways; hard standing for caravans; ample water points from the public mains supply; and, in some cases, additional amenities in the form of canteens and games rooms.

In addition to the above, there are three smaller sites providing accommodation for six caravans, and 37 single sites whereon there are stationed individual caravans. Thus the total number of caravan accommodation in the District is 807 in all.

Since the passing of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, there have been several applications to open up and develop new Sites, but so far none has been approved. On the other hand, two Sites have received permission to extend their areas on to land contiguous with the existing Site and these have been approved. All Camp Sites have submitted, and had approved, applications for the extension of the period of their Planning Permission so that these Sites have now got permission for 25 years.

Eradication of Bed Bugs

One infestation was found during the year and dealt with satisfactorily.

Clean Air Act, 1956

Twenty inspections have been made at premises coming within the scope of the above Act. Six complaints were received respecting smoke nuisance. Of these, three referred to garden bonfires, all of which were dealt with at the time of visit respecting the complaint and no further trouble ensued.

During the year one certificate of exemption under Sub-section 2 of Section 2 of the Act was renewed in respect of premises where complete reconstruction of the heating and boiler plants is proposed.

One application for the approval of a furnace installation for the purposes of Section 111 (ii) of the Act was approved and the Certificate issued.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Number of premises licensed	...	...	...	3
Number of inspections made ...	...	...	...	12
Number of contraventions found	...	...	...	0

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Number of premises registered	...	...	...	2
Number of inspections made ...	...	...	...	3
Number of contraventions found	...	...	...	0

Two samples of filling material were submitted for analysis and were found to be satisfactory.

Mosquitoes

Routine inspections of ditches and watercourses revealed no nuisances of this nature.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The Department was very active in this connection and the following is a table of the work carried out: —

Number of inspections made ...	...	...	...	1,147
Number of reinspections made	...	...	...	4,968
Complaints made by the public	...	...	...	619
Infestations found as a result of above	...	...	...	617
Infestations found by the Public Health Department	...	...	...	258
Total number of premises where nuisances found ...	...	...	...	875

Premises where nuisances remedied: —

Rats: Reservoir	...	0	
Major	...	0	
Minor	...	858	
Mice: Major	...	1	
Minor	...	36	
			TOTAL ... 895
No. of block control operations (2 or more premises)			78
No. of joint operations reported to West Sussex			
Agricultural Executive Committee	...	...	0

Summary

Total number of rats found dead	...	...	...	890
Total number of mice found dead	...	...	...	506

SECTION D

HOUSING

Waiting List for Housing Accommodation

Total number of applicants on waiting list for houses at 31st December, 1961	...	...	...	...	761
Total number of applications received during 1961	...				355
Total number of families re-housed during 1961	...				122
Total number of transfers during 1961	...	...	...		55

New Houses erected during 1961

During the year 871 houses were erected, 805 by private enterprise and 66 by the Local Authority.

A further 16 housing units were under construction at the end of the year by the Local Authority.

The number of new Council houses erected since the war, up to the end of 1961 was 1,231, bringing the total Council house and flat accommodation up to 1,834 units.

Summary of Council Properties as at 31st December, 1961

		Pre-War	Post-War	Total
Five Bedroom Houses	...	1	—	1
Four Bedroom Houses	...	41	52	93
Three Bedroom Houses	...	427	660	1,087
Two Bedroom Houses	...	117	152	269
Three Bedroom Flats	...	—	61	61
Two Bedroom Flats	...	—	94	94
One Bedroom Flats	...	—	7	7
Bed-Sitter Flats	...	—	65	65
Two Bedroom Bungalows	...	—	24	24
Aged Persons Bungalows	...	15	116	131
Miscellaneous	...	2	—	2
		603	1,231	1,834

The position of the pre-war Council Houses is as follows:—

316 are without piped domestic hot water; 593 properties have baths and bathrooms.

10 bungalows are without baths and domestic hot water supply.

134 pre-war Council houses have wash hand basins.

The Council have decided to modernise a further 88 pre-war Council houses during 1962.

Overcrowding

During the year one new case of overcrowding was reported. Two cases of overcrowding were abated, involving 15 people. At the end of the year there were still two overcrowded dwellings, involving two families and 18 persons.

Unfit Houses Programme

Two houses were added to the list so that at December 31st, 1961, the total programme comprised 511 houses. The position on the 31st December 1961 regarding houses in the Unfit Houses Programme was as follows:—

Number of houses demolished as a result of Demolition Orders	35
Number of houses demolished where previously closed on Undertakings	9
Number of houses demolished following informal action	28
Number of houses where Closing Orders made ...	3
Number of houses closed following Undertaking not to re-let	37
Number of houses where part closed	2
Number of houses where Undertaking given to make fit	32
Number of houses made fit after formal action ...	63
Number of houses made fit after informal action	210
Number of houses made fit—Demolition Order revoked	9
Number of houses where no further action to be taken	1
Number of houses where action is still necessary	82
TOTAL	511

Throughout the operation of this programme the Council has endeavoured as far as possible to secure the reconditioning or reconstruction of typical Sussex type cottages, so as to preserve the appearance of the countryside; they have been extremely successful in this connection, although such works when carried out have cost considerably more than what might be termed “reasonable cost”.

The success obtained in this direction has only been achieved by close co-operation and careful negotiation with the owners concerned and it is this fact which accounts for the number of houses remaining closed on Undertakings not to re-let, or closed on Undertakings to render fit, as in nearly all the cases of the 37 and 32 houses respectively listed under these headings proposals are being considered, in the course of preparation, or have been received in respect of these houses.

Also, particularly in the case of those houses where Undertakings are held to render fit, most of them are owned by one person, who has large Estates in the District and who has programmed the work of reconditioning these properties over a period of years, as obviously he could not deal with them all in one year.

The number of houses in the programme which have been rendered fit informally are the result of the activities of the Public Health Inspector in persuading owners to undertake schemes of reconditioning without recourse to formal action.

It will be noted that there are still 82 houses where apparently no action has been taken, but this is not quite the situation, and an analysis of the situation respecting these properties is set out below: —

Owner submitting scheme for reconditioning	...	49
Houses occupied by very elderly tenant—action deferred during his lifetime	... ..	6
Works of reconditioning in progress	... ..	10
Demolition Orders operative—owner submitting proposals	... ..	4
Houses to be put out of use when owner/occupier vacates	... ..	1
Demolition Orders operative—Council permitting temporary use as store	... ..	6
Derelict property	... ..	1
Further action required	... ..	5
		—
	TOTAL	82
		—

Rural Housing : Improvement Grants

Since the completion of the works in respect of the first house where improvement grant was made in 1954, 150 houses have been improved with the assistance of grant. Work is in progress at 10 other premises.

The value of the works of improvement and repair required to bring the houses up to the standard laid down was £16,454 during the year, of which sum the amount of grant made in respect of these houses was £5,885.

Set out below is the present state and classification of the houses included within the scope of the Rural Housing Survey as at December 31st, 1961.

No. of houses at or below £30 R.V.			* CATEGORIES:—				
PARISH		TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5
Angmering ...	...	593	326	118	149	14	2
Burpham ...	...	56	18	12	26	22	1
Clapham ...	...	91	53	13	25	7	2
Coombes ...	...	17	—	9	8	3	1
East Preston ...	...	483	305	108	70	0	0
Ferring ...	...	541	279	220	42	3	0
Findon ...	...	283	203	50	30	10	1
Houghton ...	...	39	19	11	9	4	2
Kingston ...	...	18	4	4	10	0	2
Lancing ...	...	3,693	1,662	440	1,591	10	5
Lyminster ...	...	72	24	21	27	8	2
Patching ...	...	72	35	19	18	5	1
Poling ...	...	51	24	8	19	9	3
Rustington ...	...	870	324	288	258	1	0
Sompting ...	...	1,651	1,274	341	36	3	2
South Stoke ...	...	22	4	5	13	7	4
Warningcamp ...	...	55	25	15	15	0	2
Total ...	...	8,607	4,579	1,682	2,346	106	30

* Categories: —

1. Satisfactory in all respects.
2. Minor defects.
3. Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvement.
4. Appropriate for reconditioning under the Housing (Rural Workers') Acts.
5. Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense.

SECTION E

FOOD

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN

(1) The number of food premises in the area is as follows: —

Bakehouses	...	...	12
Grocery and Provisions			87
Greengrocers	...	...	38
Fish Shops	...	...	10
Meat Shops	...	...	27
Cafés and Restaurants	...		50
Hotel Kitchens	...	...	39
Canteen Kitchens	...		25
Ice Cream Premises	...		126 (actually selling Ice Cream)
Licensed Premises	...		45

(2) The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act is as follows: —

Sale of sausages, cooked meats, etc.	...			18
Sale of meat pies, cooked hams	...			4
Preparation of preserved food for sale				1
Preparation of sandwiches and snacks, teas and light refreshments for sale				5
Preparation of cooked foods and fried fish for sale	...	...	...	5
Preparations of food for sale	...	...		7
Sale of Ice Cream	...	...	...	171 (not all selling)
Delicatessen shop	...	...	...	1
TOTAL	...	...	...	212

(3) The number of inspections of registered food premises is not kept separately; the number of inspections carried out at food premises is as follows: —

Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	527
Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	423
Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	107
Ice Cream premises	...	...	...	...	40
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	63
Hotel Kitchens	...	...	...	...	39
Other food premises	...	...	...	...	588
Vehicles	...	...	...	...	6
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	35
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	1,828

As a result of these inspections, contraventions were found at 65 premises.

(4) Meat condemned as unfit for human consumption at the only slaughterhouse in the district is disposed of for manufacturing purposes.

The Retailing of Quick Frozen Foods

During the course of the above inspections, it was noticed that there was a considerable increase in the number of Food Retailers who had installed "Frozen Food Cabinets" and it was found that in nearly every case the Retailers concerned had received no guidance either in the handling of frozen foods or the care and maintenance of "Frozen Food Cabinets", nor any information as to the temperatures at which they should operate.

A detailed survey was therefore carried out of all such cabinets and the user given a copy of the Code of Practice and Recommendations for the Handling of Quick Frozen Foods produced by The National Association of Frozen Food Producers, with additional information which it was considered might be of use.

At the same time attention was drawn to departures from the Code of Practice and a request made for the future storage of these foods in accordance with the standard laid down by the Handling Code.

Number of premises with Frozen Food Cabinets	...	90
Number of premises where contraventions of Code were found	... ..	88
Number with Cabinets at incorrect temperature	...	61
Number where temperature corrected	... ..	57
Number where no night cover to Cabinet	... ..	17
Night covers provided	... ..	10
Number of premises where no standard thermometer		84
Number where thermometer provided	... ..	54
Number of Cabinets where food stored above load line		4
Number where food storage corrected	... ..	4
Number of Cabinets used for storage of unfrozen foods		9
Number where above corrected	... ..	9
Number of Cabinets found to require defrosting	...	44
Number where defrosting carried out and maintained		43

Since the end of the year inspections have continued and further improvements achieved, since it is considered that the standard of the Code of Practice must be maintained if Frozen Foods are to be received by the public in a satisfactory condition.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960

The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960, transferred the responsibility for the licensing of retailers of designated milks to the Food and Drugs Authority, which in this District is the West Sussex County Council, leaving the Council with the responsibility for the registration of distributors only.

No. of Distributors registered in the District at 31.12.61 ... 43

Report on Samples of Milk taken during the year

Nine samples of Tuberculin Tested milk were reported upon by other Local Authorities. All satisfied the Animal Inoculation Test for tubercle bacilli, but in one sample *Brucella Abortus* was isolated.

ICE CREAM

The control of the sale and manufacture of Ice Cream under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947/59, again proved generally satisfactory.

No. of premises registered for manufacture	...	1
No. of premises registered for manufacture and sale		15
No. of premises registered for retail only	...	156
No. of inspections of premises where Ice Cream sold		40
No. of premises registered for storage only	...	1

Of the 40 samples taken: —35 were Grade 1; 5 were Grade 2.

MEAT

All slaughtering of animals for human consumption is centralised in one slaughterhouse in the district.

Improvements carried out during the year have rendered the premises satisfactory and they now comply with the Slaughterhouse Construction Regulations.

No difficulty has been experienced in connection with the work of meat inspection, apart from the fact that a very considerable amount of overtime is involved.

The arrangements made with respect to the disposal of carcases of diseased animals and offals continue satisfactorily, this being done by sale to Fertiliser or Soap Manufacturers, and the value refunded to the owner.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

The following table is a summary of the number of animals killed and the amount of meat surrendered: —

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	878	0	299	3,377	2,018	0
Number inspected	878	0	299	3,377	2,018	0
All diseases except T.B. and Cysticerci—						
Whole carcasses condemned .	3	0	0	3	16	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	84	0	0	149	255	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticerci	9.91%	0%	0%	4.5%	13.4%	0%
Tuberculosis only—						
Whole carcasses condemned .	0	0	1	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	0	0	0	31	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.113%	0%	0.33%	0%	1.53%	0%
Cysticercosis—						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration ...	1	0	0	1	0	0
Generalised and totally con- demned	0	0	0	0	0	0

Continued inspections of deliveries of meat to shops were carried out. The total weight of meat found to be unfit for human consumption was as follows: —

Affected with Tuberculosis: Bovine	199 lbs.
Pigs	344 lbs.
Sheep and Lambs	Nil
Affected with other Diseases: Bovine	3,616 lbs.
Pigs	2,119 lbs.
Sheep and Lambs	440 lbs.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Shops

No. of Slaughterhouses in the District	1
No. of Slaughterhouses licensed	1
No. of Inspections at Slaughterhouses	527
No. of Meat Shops in the District	27
No. of Inspections at Meat Shops	423
No. of Vehicles inspected	6
No. of Notices served for contravention of Byelaws ...	9
No. of Notices complied with	11

Knacker's Yard

The Knacker's Yard in the District continues to operate satisfactorily and the standard of cleanliness, equipment, and structural condition is well maintained.

BAKEHOUSES

All Bakehouses in the District have been inspected at least twice.

No. of Bakehouses in District	...	...	...	...	12
No. underground	...	...	...	...	0
No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	35
No. of vehicles inspected	...	...	...	...	0
No. of Notices served for sanitary defects	...	...	...	...	5
No. of Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	2

At one Bakehouse in the District, for some considerable time, difficulty had been experienced in endeavouring to secure the maintenance of a satisfactory standard of cleanliness, so it was finally decided to carry out a full and comprehensive inspection and report the circumstances to the Committee with a recommendation that Statutory Action be taken. Following the visit of a Sub-Committee to the premises, a great deal of work was immediately carried out and the premises were brought into a satisfactory condition, so that proceedings were not necessary.

OTHER FOODS

Foods diseased, unsound, etc., other than under Meat Regulations: —

No. of parcels of food surrendered	...	...	...	20
No. of seizures	...	...	...	0

The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption and were surrendered: —

Mixed Frozen Foods	...	...	...	311 lbs.
Fish	...	...	...	84 lbs.
Potatoes	...	...	...	112 lbs.
Meat (tinned)	...	...	...	142 lbs.
Tinned Fruit	...	...	...	45 lbs.
Sachets of Fruit Juice	...	...	...	6,268 lbs.

SHELL FISH

There are no shell fish beds or layings in the District.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases

	Und. 1 year	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Total	Admitted to Hospital
Scarlet Fever ...	1	4	4	1	—	1	11	1
Whooping Cough ...	—	6	9	3	—	2	20	—
Measles ...	4	122	163	17	4	—	310	1
Dysentery ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	1	—	4	5	—
Rubella ...	—	9	6	4	1	2	22	—
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Food Poisoning ...	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	5	10	15	14*

*Of the 14 cases notified from Zachary Merton Maternity Hospital, only one case was a resident of Worthing Rural District

NOTIFICATIONS 1952-1961

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Measles ...	54	594	22	223	61	114	278	427	198	310
Whooping Cough	43	50	123	77	24	39	4	2	21	20
Scarlet Fever ...	57	56	17	16	9	14	18	46	15	11
Poliomyelitis ...	2	7	1	2	5	2	—	1	—	—

The last case of Diphtheria was in 1949. Between 1940 and 1949 there were 23 cases, and in the period 1933 to 1939 there were 144 cases.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality

Age Periods	New cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Totals ...	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—

There were no cases of the following diseases, which are also notifiable: —

Anthrax	Membranous	Paratyphoid
Cholera	Croup	Ac. Poliomyelitis
Diphtheria	Meningococcal	Plague
Encephalitis	Infection	Relapsing Fever
Enteric Fever	Ophthalmia	Smallpox
Malaria	Neonatorum	Typhus

IMMUNISATION

During the year the following immunisations were carried out in the district: —

Diphtheria:

Primary Injections	...	...	34
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	178

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough:

Primary Injections	...	...	10
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	3

Diphtheria and Tetanus:

Primary Injections	...	...	9
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	70

Triple Antigen:

Primary Injections	...	...	347
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	73

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

Initial Vaccination of Two Injections	...	982
Third Injections	... ..	1,438
Fourth Injections	... ..	1,826